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SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, I don't know, this bothers me just a little bit. We are amending an appropriation bill. May I ask Senator Carsten a question?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Yes.

SENATOR DUIS: If this is a problem that the bill had in your committee why wasn't the bill amended in your committee then and put on the floor of the Legislature. Frankly, I need more explanation than what I am getting on this 3% and 1% and cash fund and such as that. Because it would appear to me that the legislative bill that was killed in your committee could have been amended and back here so that we could have had a full explanation.

SENATOR CARSTEN: That may very well be true Senator Duis, but the wisdom of the committee was to just reject the bill period.

SENATOR DUIS: Then the argument that we have here now, that you committee only rejected it because of a particular portion of it....

SENATOR CARSTEN: That is true and I think that in our discussion and I think that our record will show that the principle objection to the bill was the reduction of the fee for a collection fee. They took no action. They did not move in any direction to separate it at all. They looked at the bill totally and just decided to veto the bill... postpone the bill.

SENATOR DUIS: Yes, this is my situation. I always hate to see budget bills amended on the floor of the Legislature. I always thought that when they came out from there that the budget committee was in unison and that they brought these bills out. Apparently we are going into a new era now and a member of the budget committee is going to amend the budget bill on the floor of the legislature and of course I have a question of Senator Bereuter. Senator Bereuter, why didn't the committee do this amendment for you before this bill was advanced or was it because your bill wasn't dead yet?

SENATOR BEREUTER: Senator Duis, I would like to say that the bill was not dead but that the contrary is true. The bill was killed before we reported this out.

SENATOR DUIS: Then why wasn't this bill amended in committee rather than out here on the floor? Was there an objection to it in committee being amended?

SENATOR BEREUTER: No, simply an oversight on my part that there was a legitimate vehicle here to do half of what I wanted to do.

SENATOR DUIS: Thank you very much. I appreciate your frank statement.

PRESIDENT: Senator Clark.